

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant Application.

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A method for making a multilayer product comprising on a polymeric backing, at least one wear layer in a thermoplastic polymer material, the wear layer having a top surface and a bottom surface and optionally comprising one or more intermediate layers on the bottom surface, wherein the method comprises the following steps:

- preheating the backing, preferably at a temperature between 100°C and 130°C,
- cold application of the bottom surface of the wear layer on the preheated backing to make a wear layer-backing assembly,
- melting the wear layer in order to ensure that it adheres with the backing, preferably at a temperature between 120°C and 180°C,
- cooling the obtained product in order to bring it to a temperature close to room temperature.

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) The method according to of claim 10, wherein the polymeric backing and the wear layer comprise olefinic polymers.

13. (currently amended) The method according to of claim 10-14, wherein the intermediate layer contains more than 5 parts by weight of metallocene for per 100 parts by weight of olefinic polymer.

14. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the wear layer comprises one or more intermediate layers and an additional polyolefinic layer of low density ethylene is interposed between the backing and the wear intermediate layer.

15. (currently amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the additional polyolefinic layer comprises low density polyethylene and optionally, one or more additives selected from the group consisting of fatty acids and silica.

16. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein a polyurethane surface layer is applied on the top surface of the wear layer.

17. (currently amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein melting of the wear layer to ensure that it adheres to the backing is performed in a heating oven comprising one or more gas blowing nozzles, pressure being exerted on the backing-wear-layer-wear layer-backing assembly by means of the one or more gas blowing nozzle nozzles.

18. (currently amended) A doubling equipment comprising:

- a backing feeder device,
- a backing preheating station,
- a wear layer feeding device,
- a device for putting the backing and the wear layer into contact,
- a heating oven comprising one or more gas blowing nozzles,
- a conveyor device for conveying the backing and the wear layer through said heating oven,

the backing being conveyed via the feeder device into the preheating station in which it

is preheated to a temperature between 100°C and 130°C, and then the preheated backing being put into contact with the wear layer in the contacting device, the backing having been conveyed by the backing feeding device, the backing and the wear layer being then conveyed through the heating oven, inside which the ~~wear-layer-and-backing~~ wear layer-backing assembly is heated to a temperature between 120°C and 180°C and conveyed through the oven on the conveyor device, pressure being exerted during this conveyance on the ~~backing-wear-layer~~ wear layer-backing assembly by means of the gas blowing nozzle in order to melt together the wear layer and the backing.

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) The use of products obtained according to the process of claim 10, for making floor or wall claddings.